

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0018] beginning on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] The platform 30 is preferably pivotally attached at one end to a ~~platform~~ support means, which in FIG. 2 is illustrated as carriage 40. The carriage 40 is preferably rollably or slidably attached to the main boom 12. In a preferred embodiment, the carriage 40 comprises inwardly-projecting flanges 42 that forms slots 44. Slots 44 receive outwardly-projecting flanges 26 on main boom 12. In such an embodiment, carriage 40 is slidably attached to boom 12. Alternatively, a plurality of rollers could be utilized instead of flanges 26, without deviating from the scope of the present invention. It is also contemplated that the carriage 40 may be fixed in relation to the boom, with the platform 30 being telescopically extendable.

Please replace paragraph [0020] beginning on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] Rather than carriage 40, it is also contemplated that the platform 30 may be slidably or rollably attached to the main boom by any suitable ~~platform~~ support means as is known in the art, without deviating from the scope of the present invention. For example, the platform 30 may be supported by cage or track 126 and slidably or rollably extendible and retractable from the cage or track 126. In such an embodiment, illustrated in FIG. 6, the platform 30 may be rotatably attached to a drive member 50, such that after a predetermined critical distance of extension, when the joint between the platform and the drive member approaches the end of the cage or track 126, the platform passively rotates downwardly.

Please replace paragraph [0021] beginning on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] Additionally, the platform 30 may be slidably or rollably attached to an elongated support ~~member~~ means attached to the main boom 12, such that the platform 30 is extendible and retractable along the length of the support means ~~member~~ but not rotatable in relation to the support means. ~~member~~. In such an embodiment, the support means ~~member~~, itself may be rotatable downwardly to adjust the angle of the platform 30.